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I am a member of Gracie Technics jiu-jitsu academy, newly located on Kaumualii Street. Our gym owners have worked hard to create a nice community environment where adults and children can practice jiu-jitsu, but the outside environment is unsafe due to the ubiquitous encampments on the street and sidewalks. Parking is unsafe and uncomfortable, and many spots are blocked due to homeless camping out and leaving rubbish and urinating right on the curbs and sidewalks. It creates a very awful sight and a feeling of danger, and makes even walking to and from the car to the academy feel unsafe both day and night. It is unfair that the homeless in the area have commandeered this community and infringed upon patrons right to feel safe and enjoy the space. The threat of crime has forced other businesses to shut down, but I believe we have a right to come together and enjoy the freedom to feel safe in a public area. It says a lot when the city won't act to help deter this crime risk and support local businesses, so I am in support of passing the sit and lie ban will pass so we, too, will not be forced out of the area and can continue to practice martial arts in a space we can afford. This ban has the power to change the course of the neighborhood and improve conditions for all around it.

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